October 11, 2012

Dear Families,

Wow, can you believe it is October already? It is amazing how quickly the time flies when we are back at school! We have been very busy the past month, learning about patterns and getting a head start on reading using the Daily Five program. I am very excited about this and am thrilled to see the children reading to themselves and one another. This may sound a bit odd, however, there are three ways to read a book and your child can do at least one of these:

1. Read the pictures.
2. Read the words,
3. Retell the story.

The students have also been learning about “Checking for Understanding” which means at the end of each page we need to ask questions about what we have read. This can be done regardless of which way we read the book.

In Math we have completed our first unit on patterns and are now working on Representing Numbers to 20. I have put new games on our website to have fun with!

http://wjbgrade1.wikispaces.com/

We are very excited to be learning about our senses in Science. Part of this has been including “Color Days. We have been having a lot of fun so far and the students have been wonderful at trying new foods!

I will be sending interim reports home on October 26. Please read these over with your child and talk about the information on them. When you have done this, sign them and return them to school as soon as possible.

Remember, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at the school or email [alysitza@srsd119.ca](mailto:alysitza@srsd119.ca).

Have a wonderful Fall!

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